



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

**Pentecost Sunday 8 June 2025, Year C**

**Readings: Acts 2: 1-11; Romans 8:8-17; Gospel John 14:15-16;23b-26**

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## Mass/Liturgy Times

**For the coming week**

**Sat: 5.00pm Vigil Mass**

**Sun: Masses: 8am, 10am**

Tue: 9.15 **No** Liturgy with St Brigid's  
5.00pm Reconciliation  
5.30pm Mass

Wed: 10.30 Reconciliation  
11.00am Mass & Morning Tea

Thurs **5.30pm Liturgy with Communion**

**\*suspended for winter\***

Fri: 8.30am Exposition & 9.00am Liturgy with Communion

Reconciliation can also be requested by arrangement with office 04 478 7137

## Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost- the birthday of the church- the day when Christ's message was first preached to the world. Think about it- the disciples are still very nervous about this new message; they are cautiously proclaiming this message in the synagogues- and presumably in the streets because they have come to the notice of the authorities and been castigated. But suddenly on this particular morning the Holy Spirit appears to them as we are told in the form of tongues of fire: and what do they do? Instead of cowering in fear they go boldly out into the streets and start proclaiming this bold new message to all in the streets. Think about THAT - they had no bible, they had no theological training, no public speaking training but they go out full of faith and trust in the newly risen Jesus.

I have such total respect and awe for them- such boldness, such trust, such faith: I look at them over 2000 years and just know that I wouldn't have the guts to do that. Indeed how many of us feel that we could go that? Who remembers the gospellers who used to stand on Lambton Quay at lunchtime and how we hurried past them with downcast eyes lest they offer us a leaflet. But if the disciples of 2000 years ago could go out with faith in their hearts- do we have that much faith? does the word of God burn in our hearts so brightly? Or is that word buried so deep in the the ashes of our hearts that we can barely see the tiniest dull red glimmer?

IT'S PENTECOST: IT'S TIME FOR US TO BOLDLY STAND UP AND PROCLAIM THE NEVER ENDING MESSAGE OF GOD'S LOVE TO A WORLD THAT'S NO MORE INTERESTED THAN IT WAS 2000 YEARS AGO. WILL YOU DO THAT?

Or will your fire just stay barely glowing in the thickets of your hearts ??

**Tony de Joux**

## Remembering the Holy Souls

**Recently Deceased:** Tony Bordignon

**Anniversaries:**

**Prayers for the sick,** Tony de Joux, Fr Brian Wysocki, Kolotita Gae'e, Fr Frank Whitaker, Tovia Fa'i, Carmen Godinez, Anna Mika-Hunt Walsh, Lote So'oa, Madonna Aspinall, Fr Joe Savesi, Betty Stewart, Fr David Orange, David Clarke, Saili Tafaese, Moe Pio Tafaese, Gerard McDonagh, Jessie Hensen, Tau So'oa, John Fanning, Domingo Basilio Navera Jr, Joe Godinet, Augafa & Sefine Pelelo, Fr Maurice Carmody, Fr Peter O'Connell.



**For the more information please visit the Parish Website - <https://www.stfrancisochariu.nz>**

### Sacramental Programme 2025

The full Programme will run over term 3 and into term 4, starting with the **Parents Information Evening** on 22 July and finishing on 16 November with the First Communion Mass. For further information please refer to the home page of our Parish Website.

**Please note** all sessions will be held in our Parish Church and that the Sunday Sessions start immediately following the Sunday Mass.

For queries or would like an enrolment form, please contact Helen [sacramentalprogramme@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:sacramentalprogramme@stfrancisohariu.nz)

Blank forms are also available in the Church foyer, noticeboard on the right when entering the church.

### Parish Giving Tax Receipts Update

We have now issued tax receipts for the 2024-2025 tax year. There are still a number of printed receipts waiting to be collected from the Church foyer. If you have not received a copy of your tax receipt (either by hardcopy or email) please feel free to contact the Parish Office [office@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:office@stfrancisohariu.nz).

### School Enrolments

If you require a **Preference Certificate** please click [here](#) for the request form. Please email your completed request and any supporting documentation (such as Baptismal Certificates) to [office@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:office@stfrancisohariu.nz) Please

### Calling potential Altar Servers

Kia Ora! My name is Sherize, and together with Fr Gerard, we will be offering **altar server training**. If you have recently received your First Holy Communion and are interested in becoming an altar server or are currently serving, we'd love to hear from you. I can be contacted at [sherizeconcessio@gmail.com](mailto:sherizeconcessio@gmail.com), and we'll be in touch about upcoming training soon with details about the upcoming training sessions.

### The St Vincent de Paul Society needs you!

If you have a car and are willing to volunteer to help transport the elderly or disabled living in the Ohariu parish area to Mass or to appointments (either occasionally or regularly) please contact **Justin 027 587 8467**. We appreciate your help.

### St Brigid's Fundraiser Movie - How to Train Your Dragon

14 June at 3pm in the Penthouse Cinema, Brooklyn. Tickets are \$20pp. Poster in the Church Foyer or email the school [saintbrigidfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:saintbrigidfundraising@gmail.com).

### Catholic Hospital Chaplain –

**Job Vacancy:** Catholic Social Services seeks a qualified person who has a passion for bringing hope and peace to people to be a Catholic Hospital Chaplain at Wellington Regional Hospital. providing for the pastoral, spiritual, ethical and religious needs of staff, patients and whānau who come from a diverse range of cultural and faith backgrounds. This is a permanent, part-time (15 hours per week) position. To download a job description please see our website: <https://catholicsocialservices.org.nz/2025/06/03/vacancy-catholic-chaplain/>To apply, please send a cover letter and CV to Chris Ward at: [reception@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz](mailto:reception@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz) Any more questions please contact Chris Ward, Director CSS: Mob: 021 374 373

### 10th Year Anniversary of Laudato Si

Website full of amazing resources click here <https://laudatosiweek.org/>

### Hope and Renewal Summit – Come Together - 3 & 4 October, Palmerston North

Fr. James Mallon reminds us that parish renewal is a shared mission. We need one another—just as the blind man was brought to Jesus by his friends, we too must come together for the Church to be renewed. [www.hoperenewalsummit.com](http://www.hoperenewalsummit.com)

**Matariki** is a time to reflect on our journey together and the life of our universe and planet. Antony Gomez will be speaking on the Universe, Creation and the Environment. **Venue:** St Francis of Assisi Church, Ohariu, 37 Dr Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville  
**Time:** Saturday 14 June, 6.30-9:00 pm  
**Bring:** A plate for pot-luck dinner (something easy, that doesn't require heating up). Warm clothes! blanket, gloves, etc Following the talk there will be supper and there may be an opportunity to view some stars in telescopes (if weather permits). Whakauru tātou i te kotahi i tēnei takurua!

**Contact:** Robert McClean 0220676655 or [mccleanrobert@gmail.com](mailto:mccleanrobert@gmail.com)

### Quote from Pope Leo

"There is so little dialogue around us; shouting often replaces it, not infrequently in the form of fake news and irrational arguments proposed by a few loud voices. Deeper reflection and study are essential, as well as a commitment to encounter and listen to the poor, who are a treasure for the Church and for humanity." Pope Leo XIV Address to members of the "Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice"

### **Parish Office: 37 Dr Taylor Tce, Johnsonville**

Office Hours Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 2.30pm

Email: [office@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:office@stfrancisohariu.nz), Phone: 04 478 7137 **If you need to contact a priest urgently, such as for the Anointing of someone who is gravely unwell,**

**please call:** the Parish Office 04 478 7137 and select option 1

Website: [www.stfrancisohariu.nz](http://www.stfrancisohariu.nz)

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